

23 May 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Basic Intelligence 25X1A8a

SUBJECT: Arrangements with [REDACTED]

25X1A8a

1. Geography Division's arrangements with [REDACTED] are informal and involve support projects that generally are ad hoc. Our effort is much larger than that contributed by other DDI offices, but this arises from the fact that geographic data and analyses are particularly relevant to operations planning tasks. [REDACTED] is primarily a coordination point for 25X1A8a provision of the specialized intelligence support needed for paramilitary operations planned or undertaken by [REDACTED] and the Area Divisions, and we like the other DDI offices respond to its requests in accordance with our capacities and established priorities. Requirements are almost always put in writing, and a certain formality attends our delivery to [REDACTED] of 25X1A8a research results.

2. This situation is practical and entirely satisfactory to us. It is the direct result of first, the original DDP-DDI agreement that the Chief of [REDACTED] and 3 others should be DDI men; and second, of the remarkable job done [REDACTED] in organizing and getting the outfit underway (for a good discussion of [REDACTED] see attached 25X1A8a report done for Director, BPAM). By the same token, the effectiveness of [REDACTED] and the harmony of its relations with DDI offices depends on continuation of this DDI presence. A gentle overview by O/DDI comparable to that maintained [REDACTED] in the early days of [REDACTED] would be good insurance.

3. [REDACTED] are programmed but unscheduled. We have in effect required that the Handbooks compete for research time with other operational support requirements. There is no question of the need for these publications, which have been reviewed separately and favorably by BPAM (see attachment referred to above), the IG, and a joint NIS-[REDACTED]-Geography Division committee. Our staffing is too limited, however, to handle much of this work.

4. Concern that the DDI's prime responsibility for external research would get trodden under by [REDACTED] led early in the game to my designation as the DDI person to be kept witting of [REDACTED] external research facility.

25X1A8a

25X1A8a

~~SECRET~~

25X1A8a

The facility is small and its activities are mostly oriented toward research needs in the Handbook program. Effective coordination of the facility's projects is achieved through direct working-level contact between [REDACTED] and the DDI unit(s) having an interest. Some need-to-know tasks (of which I remain unwitting) are undertaken by the facility. At present, the continuance of the facility is in doubt.

25X1A9a

[REDACTED]
Chief, Geography Division

Attachment:

As stated above.

~~SECRET~~